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25X1 antagonism between Enver Hoxha and Mehmet Shehu, the Albanian Workers' Party
25X1 is divided into two currents. This fact is the cause of considerable worry
25X1 to the Soviets, and especially to the real ruler of Albania, the Soviet
Minister Dimitri Chuvakhin,¹ who is not sure which of the rivals to support.
25X1 Enver Hoxha is a weak character, but servile and easily controllable, whereas
Mehmet Shehu, although courageous and decisive, is steadfast and much less
easily subject to control. Until now the Soviets have continued to support
Hoxha. In case of the elimination of both Hoxha and Shehu, the preferred
candidates would be Manush Myftiu, Koco Tashko, and Gego Nushi.
2. The actual head of the Ministry of Interior is Lt. Gen. Gorbatoev,² who
actively directs the DMP (sic), the Sigurimi, and the other security
services.
3. In Albania there is a nationalist organization composed of civil servants,
former Government employees and officers. Although the organization exists
throughout the country, it is especially strong in Tirana. However, the
group which Gorbatoev and the other chiefs fear is the pro-Xoxe, anti-Cominform
group which is well-organized and has followers in important positions both in
the Party and in the Government. Members of this group commit sabotage,
distribute anti-Soviet and anti-Cominform propaganda, and were responsible
for the attempt in February 1951 to bomb the Soviet Legation. The purge of
the Party in June and July 1951 produced results contrary to what had been
expected. Of the 2,362 individuals purged from the Party, only 62 were from
the pro-Xoxe group.
4. The National Committee for Free Albania has no importance in Albania, and no
one has faith in the present members of the Committee, not even in its presi-
dent, Hasan Dosti, since it is widely believed that they collaborated with,

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and are responsible for, the Communist regime of Enver Hoxha. Only two members of the Committee, Nuci Kota and Sajd Kryeziu, are considered honest, and have influence in Albania.

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 Comment: According to a Moscow press announcement made in March 1952, Kliment Levychkhin has replaced Chuvakhin as Soviet Ambassador to Albania.

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